



SALEHURST CHURCH OF ENGLAND & STAPLECROSS METHODIST CHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOLS

✝ 'Learning with God at our side' ✝

## The Bridge Federation Governing Board Newsletter – Summer 2019



### Message from the Chair of Governors, Mrs Gill Atkinson

As we are coming to the end of our first year as a federation I would like to say a huge thank you to the all staff members from both of our schools. It has been an exciting and very productive year thanks to the commitment and hard work of our staff and governors. Of course, we must also thank the children who are a very important voice in developing the schools.

The governing board are planning where we would like the federation to be in five years' time. With this in mind, the parent and staff surveys recently completed were helpful to us, as it is very important to understand the view of the whole school community, so thank you for completing them. I have also spent time speaking to children from both schools about their views and was so impressed by the maturity, thoughtfulness and eloquence with which they answered my questions. So, we have been left with much to think about! One area that is clearly important for parents and staff alike is the curriculum; ensuring that it is broad and exciting is a priority and we take on board the importance placed by all on both the arts and sport. Another area which was of particular interest to the children, parents and staff is the behaviour policy. Mrs Avard will be working on this and continuing to develop and implement a positive behaviour ethos over the coming year.

Thank you again to all who are a part of our school community, as it is by working together and supporting each other that we will build outstanding schools.



### Message from the Executive Headteacher, Mrs Liz Avard

We are nearly at the end of a busy year for both schools and now that the annual reports have gone out, we have had two very successful Open Afternoons, with lots of parents coming in to share their child's learning for the year with them. Thank you to parents who organised space in the week for this; the children really enjoyed showing you their journey through the year.

The children took the opportunity to complete their Pupil Questionnaire impressively seriously and we are delighted at the results. In particular, when asked about what they like about school, individual children replied:

'the people and the enthusiastic approach to learning'

'being with the teachers'

Also, in reply to the question, 'How could you make the school even better?', responses included:

'nothing, it's perfect'

'being good for the environment and bugs and spiders'

Have a wonderful summer holiday and we will welcome the children back to school on **Friday, 6th September**, following two INSET days at the beginning of term.

**'Thought of the season' from St Mary's Church by Reverend Annette Hawkins**



The summer holidays are upon us! I know that for some this will mean over six wonderful weeks of not having to get everyone ready and out of the door early every morning. For others it will entail over six weeks of additional expense and possibly hassle as you have to find additional day care to cover your working hours. Sadly, this will be the last newsletter for those of you who have a child moving up to Secondary School in September with no other children still at Salehurst, while others will be looking forward (or not) to September when their youngest begins their school journey. I have just written my letter for the July edition of the Villager magazine and in it I talk about how having a day of rest is God's idea and provision for us - something we all need. I do realise (and remember well - I had four children under 5 years of age) that the idea of a day of rest, or any kind of rest can seem laughable to those with young children. However, I do pray that this summer will be a good one for you and that, whatever your circumstances, you will all find at least some time for rest, recreation and recuperation and hopefully a holiday of some kind. If we won't be seeing you in September may I wish you and your child/ren all the very best in the next stage of your journey and for those returning or starting, along with the staff and the other governors, I look forward to welcoming you and your children back for a new school year in September.

If there is ever anything that I can help you with or if you would like to talk to me about anything please feel free to ring me 01580 880282 or email [annette@jhbd.co.uk](mailto:annette@jhbd.co.uk).

God bless, Rev Annette

**Governing Board Members**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Governor Type and Governor Role</b>	<b>Governor / School Links</b>
<b>Mrs Gill Atkinson</b>	<b>Chair of Governors</b> Co-opted Governor	<i>Early Years</i> <i>Literacy &amp; Maths</i> <i>Pupil Premium</i>
<b>Mrs Nicola Stephenson</b>	<b>Vice Chair of Governors</b> Co-opted Governor	<i>Science</i> <i>Extended School Provision</i> <i>Health &amp; Safety</i>
<b>Mrs Liz Avard</b>	Ex-officio Governor	<i>Federation Executive Headteacher</i>
<b>Mrs Jo Meeds</b>	Co-opted Governor	<i>Head of School at Staplecross</i>
<b>Mrs Kate Robertson</b>	Co-opted Governor	<i>Deputy Headteacher at Salehurst</i>
<b>VACANCY</b>	Foundation Governor	<i>SIAMS/RE</i>
<b>Reverend Annette Hawkins</b>	Foundation Governor	<i>SIAMS/RE</i>

<b>Mrs Jennifer Winington</b>	Foundation Governor <b>Chair of Worship and Ethos Committee.</b>	<b>Safeguarding SIAMS/RE</b>
<b>VACANCY</b>	Foundation Governor	<b>SIAMS/RE</b>
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<b>Mr Richard Davies</b>	Parent Governor	<b>Finance ICT / GDPR</b>
<b>Mrs Naomi Mileham</b>	Parent Governor	
<b>Mrs Hayley Sharp</b>	Co-opted Governor <b>Chair of Teaching &amp; Learning Governing Committee</b>	<b>SEND</b>
<b>Mr Graham White</b>	Co-opted Governor	
<b>VACANCY</b>	Co-opted Governor	
<b>Mrs Sarah Wilkinson</b>	Clerk to Governors	

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### **Governor contact details**

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